3. Rs. 150.00 lakhs for upgradation and strengthening of Emergency and Trauma Services in the Nalbari District Hospital, Nalbari.

The proposal seeking financial assistance for upgradation and strengthening of emergency facilities in Government Hospital, Nazira, District Sibsagar has been examined and certain additional information has been called for from Government of Assam.

Department of Development of North-Eastern Region has informed that under Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources, following assistance has been provided to the Government of Assam during the last three years :

1. Rs. 1.69 crores for upgradation of 100 bedded Civil Hospital at Udaiguri.

2. Rs. 20.00 crores for development of Assam Medical College and Hospital (HOPE), Dibrugarh.

Increase in breast cancer cases

4517. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH :
SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY :
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of breast cancer particularly in urban areas are increasing;

(b) if so, the main factors contributing to this;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a possibility of treatment of about 70 per cent cases of breast cancer, if detected in time; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to increase awareness among the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) and (b) As per the data collected on the incidence of breast Cancer in Delhi during the period 1988-97 by the National Cancer Registry Programme of the Indian Council of Medical Research the rates of incidence have more or less remained the same.

(c) and (d) The cancer treatment is effective if cancer is detected and treated in the early stages.

The District Ca.. Control Programme (DCCP) component of the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) focuses on early detection and prevention of cancer in selected districts by providing training and necessary equipment as well as creating awareness among the people. Apart from this 20 Regional Cancer Centres recognized under NCCP provide early detection and treatment facilities for cancer. A health education and awareness drive was also undertaken under the Modified District Cancer Control Programme in four States of Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh covering about 1 million women. 14 institutions including 12 RCCs have initiated population based cancer control programme on pilot basis mainly for screening of cancers of cervix, breast and oral cavity. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has also initiated a project on screening for cancers of cervix, breast and oral cavity in three districts of Himachal Pradesh which is expected to cover a population of about 15 lakhs.

On the occasion of National Cancer Awareness Day (7th November, 2001) a postage stamp depicting self breast examination (A cost effective technique of detecting breast cancer) was brought out. In addition for creating awareness on cancer and for spreading anti-tobacco messages, the Government is making use of Electronic and Print Media.

Typhoid detection kit

4518. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA:

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of typhoid cases in India every year;

(b) whether it is a fact that typhoid detection kit has been developed by the scientists at the Defence Research and Development Establishment in Gwalior which can detect typhoid from a person's blood sample instantly without going into widal test;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the kit developed by DRDE has been tested by AIIMS; and

(e) if so, the opinion of the experts in AIIMS in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) About 5 lakh typhoid cases are reported in India every year.